WHEREAS, Americans so highly value their ability to see that fifty years ago they set aside a week to remind themselves to preserve and protect their gift of sight; and,

WHEREAS, On the Fiftieth Anniversary of this important event, Americans of all ages and all walks of life rely more than ever before on good vision to learn, to work and to play; and,

WHEREAS, Advances in the field of vision science make it possible for most people to see well from cradle to grave:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, join with the President of the United States, the Congress of the United States, and the Legislature of the State of South Dakota, in proclaiming the week of March 6-12, 1977, as

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in South Dakota, and I commend the profession of optometry for initiating Save Your Vision Week and supporting it these past fifty years, and call upon the people of the State of South Dakota to recognize the blessings of sight and the importance of vision and to do all things to protect and preserve this precious gift.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 3rd day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Seven

RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE